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Cynthia T. Brown Chief of the Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street, S.W. Washington, D. C. 20423



RE: Docket No. AB-565 (Sub-No. 1X), New York Central Lines, LLC—Abandonment Exemption—in Middlesex County, MA

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing on behalf of The Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts (the "Town") to request a 180 -day extension of the deadline for negotiations with CSX Transportation, Inc., as successor by merger to New York Central Lines, LLC, ("CSXT"), regarding the Notice of Interim Trail Use in the above-captioned proceeding with respect to the 1.4-mile portion of line that extends north from the Framingham town line at MP QBS 3.40 to the intersection of the former Penn Central Transportation Company line at MP QBS 4.90. Pursuant to the June 8, 2009 decision (the "Decision") of the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board"), an agreement for interim trail use/rail banking expiring Nov. 9, 2009 ("Negotiating Deadline").

CSXT and the Town reached an agreement on acquisition price regarding the NITU and the Town of Sudbury has signed the Purchase & Sale agreement as revised by CSX. CSX has not to date signed the Purchase and Sale. The Town and CSX wish to continue to negotiate a Purchase & Sale Agreement. Funding for the purchase was reauthorized by a vote at Sudbury's 2010 Annual Town Meeting.

The Town respectfully requests an extension of the Negotiating Deadline to Nov. 2, 2011 (i.e. 180 calendar days from the Negotiating Deadline). CSXT has acknowledged that it concurs with this request and will file a letter of concurrence once it receives a copy of this letter.

In addition, the Town respectfully requests a waiver of the Board's filing fees in accordance with 49 CFR 1002.2(e)(1).

The Town is efiling this letter. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely

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cc: Parties of Record